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PPD's unsolved homicide cases are on the rise

- Detectives solved just 6 out of 10 murders in 2011
- Declining clearance rate follows national trend

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▶ The commanding officer of the city's homicide unit said Commissioner Charles Ramsey has given him more manpower to help reduce his detectives' caseloads.

News

One year since Gabby was shot

- Congresswoman returns to scene where she was shot in the head
- Eight other victims remembered

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Beyonce gives birth to Blue

We think the happy couple chose that name because of a Jay-Z album title {page 08}

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Clearance rates decline for PPD

Number of solved murders falls for second year, to 60% Former FBI agent, a homicide expert, says rates falling across country for various reasons PPD's Ramsey has apparently noticed, given more manpower

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▶ Sanchez, 29, says detectives working on the Sept. 6 triple murder of his mother and aunt and uncle are stumped.

Javish Sanchez crouched on the floor of Lorena's Grocery in Southwest Philadelphia in September, cradling the body of his mother as she lay riddled with bullets. "I wiped the blood from her face and that was it," he said the day after the murder.

Sanchez's aunt and uncle, who owned the neighborhood bodega, also died in the same brutal robbery and execution. Now LPC Grocery, Sanchez still works the counter. As far as the murders, investigators are stumped, Sanchez said.

"I hate to say it, but they've got nothing," he said. He is not alone — the city's homicide clearance rates have declined from a 2009 high of 76 percent to 69.6 percent in 2010 to 60.1 percent in 2011. National figures are following the same path.

"The frightening aspect is that we have more police officers than ever, we have DNA and other technology, and yet the [national] clearance rate has fallen from 80-something percent to 62 percent," said Director of the International Homicide Investigators Association and former FBI agent William Hagmaier.

He cited increased spending on antiterrorism efforts that slashed homicide budgets, resulting in training cutbacks, savvier criminals schooled by criminal reality and procedural shows and the reluctance of victims to talk in many cases.

Local law enforcement agreed with Hagmaier's last point.

"The hardest type of cases are those where we're not getting a lot of cooperation from the neighborhood," homicide Capt. James Clark said, adding that Commissioner Charles Ramsey recently gave him more manpower to ease caseloads. "Obviously, it makes it a lot harder to arrest someone when people in the neighborhood know who did it but refuse to tell homicide detectives."

The sentiment hit home with Sanchez. "The only thing I can say is this: Somebody knows something and they're not saying anything. The way we treated people, they should talk if they have any mercy. I guess I'm just waiting for justice from God."

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Factors behind murders

Hagmaier said a spike in violence is likely in the next decade.

Most violent crimes are committed by those aged 18 to 24, a currently underpopulated pocket due to low birth rates in the early 1990s.

Other factors include returning veterans whose adjustment problems often manifest violently — "After almost any conflict, the United States usually has a spike in violent behavior," Hagmaier said.

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Subway riders' slacks off for third time

About 75 people met and rode the Broad Street line sans pants, starting at the Walnut-Locust stop where they were met with both sideways looks and belly laughs. The fun was part of the third annual No Pants Subway Ride.

City DA assigns LGBT post

CENTER CITY. A sex crimes prosecutor has been appointed liaison to the LGBT community, District Attorney Seth Williams announced Friday.

Helen Fitzpatrick, an assistant district attorney in the Family Violence and Sexual Assault Unit, will assume the position created by former District Attorney Lynne Abraham. Fitzpatrick has been with the DA's office since graduating from law school in 2008. METRO/SDL

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Reward being offered for information about a November 2011 shooting that left a man critically wounded. Darren Rogers, 46, was shot near Fourth and Pine streets. Authorities said two unknown males approached Rogers and began assaulting him before one man shot him.

In the news

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Teachers in Bucks County's Neshaminy School District set to strike this morning, according to CBSPhilly.com, which reported that the teachers' union president said educators for the 8,900-student district have been working without a contract for four years.

In the news

Early start for Revel?

Atlantic City's newest addition to its gambling landscape, the $2.5 billion Revel scheduled to open in the spring, may be ahead of schedule, according to a KYW newsradio report. The 1,100-room resort and casino had planned for a mid-May opening.

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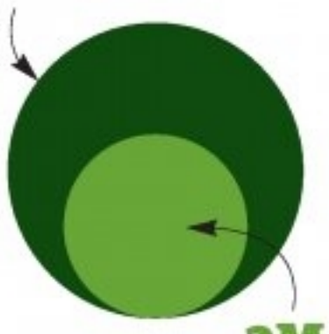
Catholic cuts couldn't be done 'episodically'

Commission anticipates short-term stress ◗ But new governance model should prevent future broad slashes

National decline

Catholic school enrollment nationally has declined 22 percent since 2000, according to the National Catholic Educational Association.



Students, parents and teachers are still reeling from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's decision to close 44 elementary and four high schools in June, but officials said the massive cuts are a result of years of inaction.

While a handful of schools have been closed in recent years, several schools have continued operating at a deficit due to the gap between tuition and costs per pupil.

"If the governance model that we've talked about works, we won't be doing 40 schools again ever — because you can't manage something episodically like we've done," said John Quindlen, chair of the 16-member Blue Ribbon Commission that Cardinal Justin Rigali assembled 13 months ago.

Under the new model, there will be an Executive Board of Education chaired by the auxiliary bishop responsible for overseeing Catholic education and four additional boards focusing on elementary schools, secondary schools, religious education and special education.

While they acknowledge the pain in the short-term, officials hope the moves will stop the bleeding and facilitate growth.

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Petitions begin

An online petition urging the Archdiocese to keep St. Hubert School for Girls open had more than 5,000 signatures already. A comment from one signer read: "I want my youngest sister (who is a Sohpomore) to graduate as a Bambi like I did and my other sister. Brown and Gold Pride!"

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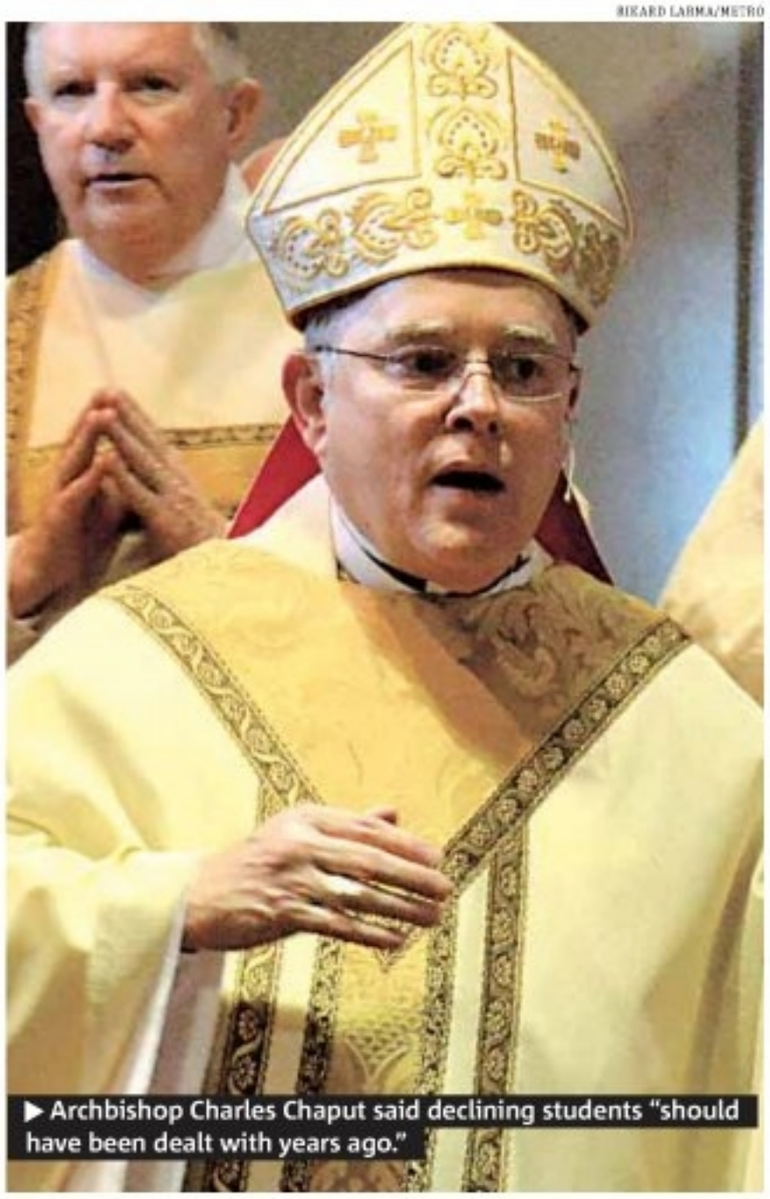

▶ Archbishop Charles Chaput said declining students "should have been dealt with years ago."

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Rivals turn up heat on GOP front-runner

- Mitt Romney 'dinged but not seriously dented' in back-to-back debates
- Faces scrutiny on political record, attack ads, pressure from Obama

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▶ Mitt Romney and Newt Gingrich got into it during the debate, while Ron Paul was stuck between.

Republican front-runner Mitt Romney emerged yesterday from back-to-back debates in New Hampshire a bit dinged but not seriously dented as rivals stepped up attacks to slow his march toward the presidential nomination.

Two days before voters in the small New England state head to the polls for the first 2012 primary election, Romney took heat on a number of topics: his record as governor of neighboring Massachusetts, the attack ads run by an outside group on his behalf and a suggestion he would wither in the face of attacks from Democratic President Barack Obama.

But there was little to suggest the former venture capitalist had suffered any setback in a pair of debates Saturday night and yesterday morning in New Hampshire, where he is heavily favored to win.

"Romney was dinged in the second debate, but not seriously wounded," said Larry Sabato, political analyst at the University of Virginia. "Basically, the candidates firmed up their own individual base but I don't think they took much away from Romney either in terms of Republicans or independents."

Slowing Romney's momentum has taken on new urgency in the face of polls showing he is also favored in the South Carolina primary on Jan. 21, despite being seen as less socially conservative as his competitors in the church-going southern state.

Romney's campaign has said that jobs and the domestic economy will be the focus of voters across the country this year, overshadowing other factors.

Although Romney's win in the Iowa caucuses on Tuesday was an eight-vote squeaker over Rick Santorum, backing it up with a win in New Hampshire would be a feat never achieved by a Republican candidate who is not an incumbent, adding to a sense of inevitability about his candidacy. REUTERS

Quoted

"If his record was so great as governor of Massachusetts, why didn't he run for re-election?"

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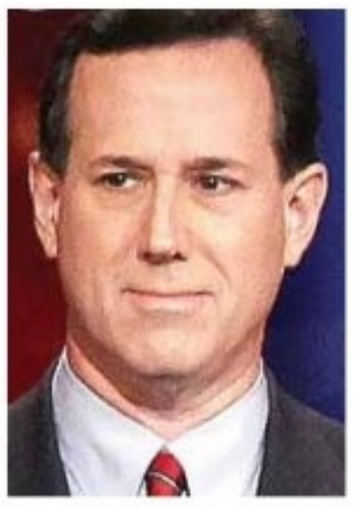

Newt: Mitt too moderate

House of Representatives Speaker Newt Gingrich said Romney would "have a very hard time getting elected."

"There's a huge difference between a Reagan conservative and somebody who comes out of the Massachusetts culture who essentially has a moderate record," Gingrich said during the debate.

Gingrich's popularity in Iowa cratered in the face of millions of dollars of attack ads run from a super PAC, an outside group that was supporting Romney.

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▶ Panetta

Military strong despite cuts

WASHINGTON. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta cautioned global rivals yesterday not to misjudge U.S. plans to slash military spending in the next decade, saying America would still field the world's strongest military and nobody should "mess with that."

Panetta, speaking on CBS's "Face the Nation," also reiterated the tough U.S. stance toward Iran's threat to close the Strait of Hormuz, which is vital for oil shipping in the Gulf, saying the United States would not "tolerate" it. REUTERS

US expels Venezuelan diplomat

MIAMI. The United States has declared Venezuela's consul general in Miami persona non grata and says she must leave the country by tomorrow.

The diplomat, Livia Acosta Noguera, is alleged to have discussed possible cyber attacks on the US while based at the Venezuelan embassy in Mexico in 2008.

The FBI has been investigating the comments, it was reported yesterday. METRO

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▶ After April 27

The most stressful days of 2011

NEW YORK. April 27, 2011, when an outbreak of tornadoes killed more than 300 people, was the source of the most stressful day of 2011, according to year-end data from Gallup.

The Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index polls Americans on a daily basis on various health-related topics, among them their levels of stress.

Using this methodology, the index was able to determine that the most stressful day of 2011 was April 27. Coming in at a close second was April 15, which many will recognize as Tax Day (though taxes were actually due on April 18, 2011, due to a holiday in D.C.). MAINSTREET.COM

Still stressed

Stress levels for 2011 were in line with averages for the past few years, with an average of 11 percent reporting high stress on a daily basis.

Gabrielle Giffords marks anniversary of shooting

- 8 people gunned down last year
- 13 others hurt
- Congresswoman making miracle recovery

Bells rang across Tucson early yesterday marking the exact time last year the city was rocked by a deadly shooting spree that left Rep. Gabrielle Giffords gravely wounded.

Bells ringing at 10:11 a.m. local time, the moment of the Jan. 8, 2011, shooting, were among the first of a day of remembrance events for survivors and Tucson residents across the city.

Giffords made a surprise visit late on Saturday to the grocery store where a pistol-toting gunman pumped bullet after bullet into a crowd gathered for her congressional outreach meeting a year ago.

"When you think on it, it's a healing moment."
DICK GUTHRIE, A VETERAN CONGREGANT

Gunfire struck and killed six people and wounded 13 others including Giffords, who was shot through the head and has been recovering at a Houston hospital.

About 200 people gathered at an Anglican church in north Tucson, near the scene of the shooting, for a service that remembered victims.

"When you think on it, it's a healing moment," said Dick Guthrie, a veteran congregant who said he had known Giffords since she was a teenager.

Gary Huckleberry, whose daughter witnessed the shooting and suffered trauma, said he found the service healing.

"A lot of us have come a long way since that date a year ago. For some people it will take much more time to get over it, but having this service ... was healing," he said.

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▶ Tucson resident Kelly Hardesty places flowers at a memorial yesterday for the six people that lost their lives in a deadly shooting last year in Tucson, Ariz.

Arab league refuses to call for UN help in Syria

The Arab League urged the Syrian government yesterday to stop its violence against protesters and allow Arab monitors in the country to work more independently, but stopped short of asking for United Nations experts to bolster its peace mission.

The arrival last month of Arab monitors in Syria to see if the government was honoring a pledge to end a crackdown on a popular revolt has not ended the violence, in which the United Nations says more than 5,000 people have been killed.

The Arab League group on Syria said the government had only partly implemented a promise to stop the crackdown, free those jailed during the crisis and withdraw its troops from the cities. REUTERS

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Beyonce gives birth to baby; names her 'Blue'

Beyonce Knowles and **Jay-Z** reportedly welcomed their daughter over the weekend, according to E! News. The baby, named **Blue Ivy Carter** (although some outlets are saying her name is "Ivy Blue Carter"), was delivered on a private floor of New York's Lenox Hill Hospital that the superstar couple had reportedly paid $1.3 million to rent out. And while mom and baby recuperate, security is remaining high: Hospital workers have reportedly put tape over surveillance cameras, and employees' mobile phones are being confiscated when they arrive for shifts, sources tell the New York Daily News.

▶ The proud parents met their Hova-ette this weekend.

There had to have been a musical motive to naming the child Blue (rhymes with "My boo?"). While it's not likely the name was inspired by albums by **Joni Mitchell** or **Weezer**, I bet every time she does a doodle they can call it "The Blueprint" and "The Blueprint II." That, and it would have been weird to name her "Hova-ette."

Yet another celebrity engagement/ pregnancy

Sienna Miller has stopped her homewrecking ways, it seems (remember when she allegedly broke up the marriage of **Balthazar Getty**?). The actress and boyfriend **Tom Sturridge** are ready to get married and have a family, though which they'll do first isn't clear. Miller recently confirmed she's expecting her first child in June, and now word comes that Sturridge popped the question during a recent vacation to Paris, according to Life & Style. "They're engaged and really happy. Her family is happy, as they absolutely adore Tom," a source says. "He filled their hotel suite at the Ritz with flowers and presented her with a vintage Victorian ring."

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Scary. Sightings

▶ Jason Segel: Eek!

How I met ... a zombie?

Someone needs to make sure Jason Segel gets a nap, stat. The "Muppets" actor looked worse for wear at the 23rd annual Chicago Film Critics Awards Press Conference at the Ritz Carlton on Saturday.

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Joel McHale is tempting fate, Kanye West is always at work, Denise Richards is letting her daughter do the shopping and Carrie Fisher is looking for a replacement.

▶ **@joelmchale:** Hey @kanyewest, what have you been doing lately?

▶ **@kanyewest:** The world is our office

▶ **@DENISE_RICHARDS:** Lola is funny always writing #'s down of products on tv..she wants me to order slushy magic..anyone try it?

▶ **@CarrieFFisher:** I suddenly feel I've been miscast as Carrie Fisher. I am holding auditions. The pay is not great. But at restaurants, you get great service--well, pretty good service, depending on the restaurant. And, if you're cast, you get a ton of shock treatments.

Talking points

Timberlake's granny blabs

While **Justin Timberlake** and **Jessica Biel** may not have confirmed their recent engagement, Timberlake's grandmother is happy to take care of that for him. "Yes, Justin is engaged. Jessica is a very sweet girl, she's upright and everything and we love her," **Sadie Bomar** tells Radar Online. "She's a wonderful campaigner for the environment and Justin is too, a fine young man. Jessica will be a lovely member of the family."

Radcliffe

Radcliffe: I can be 'useless'

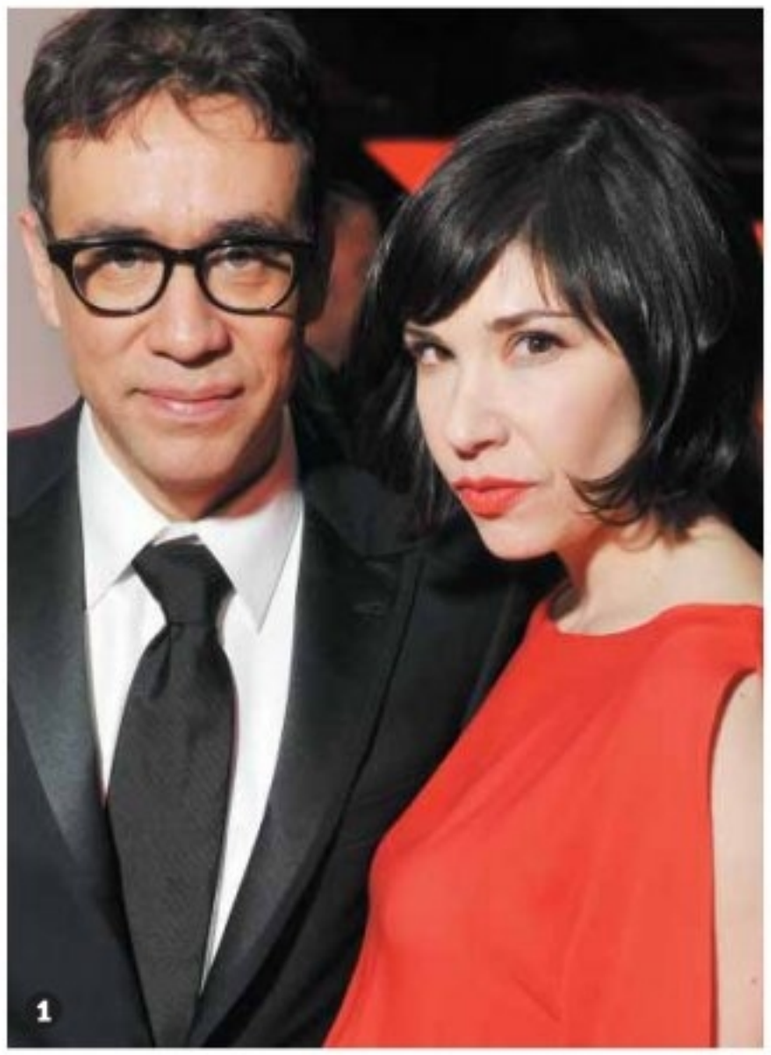
Despite having been with girlfriend **Rosie Coker** for almost two years, **Daniel Radcliffe** insists he's far from a great catch. "I'm not an easy person to love," Radcliffe tells Parade magazine. "There are lots of times when I'm a very good boyfriend, but there are times when I'm useless." The biggest problem? That he talks "nonstop," he says. "And she listens to it, and she loves me for my oddness, my awkwardness, all of those things that I hate about myself."

Rimes to expose herself?

While **Lindsay Lohan** was more than happy to bare all in this month's Playboy magazine, the publication hasn't been as lucky with other celebrities. **LeAnn Rimes** says she's been approached repeatedly about appearing nude, according to Hollyscoop. "They've asked me three times. My mom would kill me, but it's flattering," she says.

Ripa and Lowe? Yes, please!

There's been no word on just who will replace **Regis Philbin** now that he's retired from his daytime talk-show, but after two days of guest-hosting with **Kelly Ripa**, **Rob Lowe** is said to be a top contender for the position, according to TMZ. Network sources tell the Web site that ABC executives "loved the chemistry between" Lowe and Ripa. Other front-runners for the position include **Andy Cohen**, **Carson Kressley** and Ripa's husband, **Mark Consuelos**.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'War Horse,' 'Portlandia' and one tragic forehead tattoo

1. Actor Fred Armisen and actress/singer Carrie Brownstein rocked the red carpet at the start-studded "Portlandia" Season 2 premiere screening at the American Museum of Natural History on Thursday in New York City.

2. Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, and Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, appeared at the U.K. premiere of "War Horse" at Odeon Leicester Square on Sunday in London.

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3. Michelle "Bombshell" McGee (nice forehead tattoo!) posed at the 2012 Lingerie Female Pillow Fighting Championships (yes, apparently, that exists) at The Deck at Harbor Pointe on Friday in Essington, Pa.

4. Jessica Simpson showed off one hell of a baby bump at the NBC Universal 2012 Winter TCA Tour All-Star Party on Friday in Pasadena.

5. Actress Michelle Williams debuted her new, bronzed bob at the Palm Springs International Film Festival Awards Gala on Saturday in Palm Springs.

6. Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt (check out his cane) also graced the 23rd annual Palm Springs International Film Festival Awards Gala with their presence on Saturday.

7. Simon Doonan promoted his book "Gay Men Don't Get Fat" at Barneys New York on Saturday in New York City.

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TV watch list

'Castle'

DRAMA. An investigation into the death of a ladies' man after a one-night stand may disrupt Ryan's wedding. Don't you just hate it when work gets in the way of things like your happily ever after?
10:01 p.m., ABC

'First Week In'

REALITY. Just in case you weren't sure: Jail is a very scary place. This raw series profiles inmates — focusing on those who have been arrested for the very first time — from the moments leading up to incarceration to interactions while behind bars.
Series premiere, 9 p.m., Discovery

AMY RICHMOND PHOTOGRAPHY

▶ From left: Danielle Colby, Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz are "American Pickers."

'American Pickers'

REALITY. You're not the only one who's a fan of this "one man's trash is another's treasure" show. Tonight, White Stripes frontman Jack White opens the doors of his Nashville-based Third Man Records for the guys to pick some cool band artifacts in exchange for other historic loot.
9 p.m., History

'Watch What Happens: Live'

TALK. Bravo boss Andy Cohen continues the rollout of his late-night talk show five nights a week with tonight's guests, Anderson Cooper and Camille Grammer.
11 p.m., Bravo

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Box office

Horror flick 'Devil Inside' leads box office

Low-budget horror movie "The Devil Inside" topped the weekend box office with a surprising $34.5 million in U.S. and Canadian ticket sales, according to studio estimates released on Sunday.

The strong performance for "Devil" knocked Tom Cruise's "Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol," winner of the past two weekends, to second place. The fourth movie in the action franchise brought in an estimated $20.5 million from Friday through Sunday. Both movies were distributed by Paramount Pictures, a unit of Viacom Inc.

"Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows" finished the weekend in third place with $14.1 million. REUTERS

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▶ Suzan Crowley plays possessed Maria in "The Devil Inside."

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From Bond to Blomkvist

Daniel Craig enters the world of Swedish sex crimes in the American adaptation of 'The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo' Also, he has no gripe with certain reality stars: 'I don't know what a Kardashian is'

The latest Bond man has recently taken another popular franchise under his wing. Daniel Craig assumes the mantel of investigative journalist Mikael Blomkvist in David Fincher's adaptation of the Swedish novel and film series, "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo." Metro got the exclusive scoop on Craig's experience filming the movie and his (imagined) beef with the Kardashian clan.

Now that you've played a journalist, do you have any more sympathy for journalists?
I've always loved journalists. I don't know where this story's come from, that I have a problem with journalists. I have a problem with intrusion — that's something different completely. But some of my heroes are journalists. I think that it's an incredibly important job.

The opening credits made me think what a David Fincher Bond film might look like.
I could see him applying it to anything, really. I'd love to work with him again, and I'd do anything for him. David has a very happy set most of the time — as much as a set can ever be happy when you're filming very dramatic scenes.

So who is the biggest joker among the group?
We're all pretty good. It's when it's appropriate. When someone's got a big, tough scene to do or it's a tough day, you're not making jokes. But sometimes it's important just to break the tension. I couldn't tell you who's the funniest. God forbid I should give David way too much praise. He can't be funny as well as being brilliant. That's just not fair. [Laughs]

There was some financial trouble with the Bond franchise over the last couple of years, but that made it possible for you to do this film.
That's true, it did, yes. I always knew it was going to work itself out. But I'd also kind of said to myself, if it doesn't work out somebody else is going to do it. That's the way it is. Bond will be fine, he'll keep going. So I just kind of got on with life.

"Tattoo" has Oscar buzz, but do you worry that the roughness might scare off some voters?
Oh look, I can't think about all that. It's such a crazy period. If it offends a few people, good. I hope it does.

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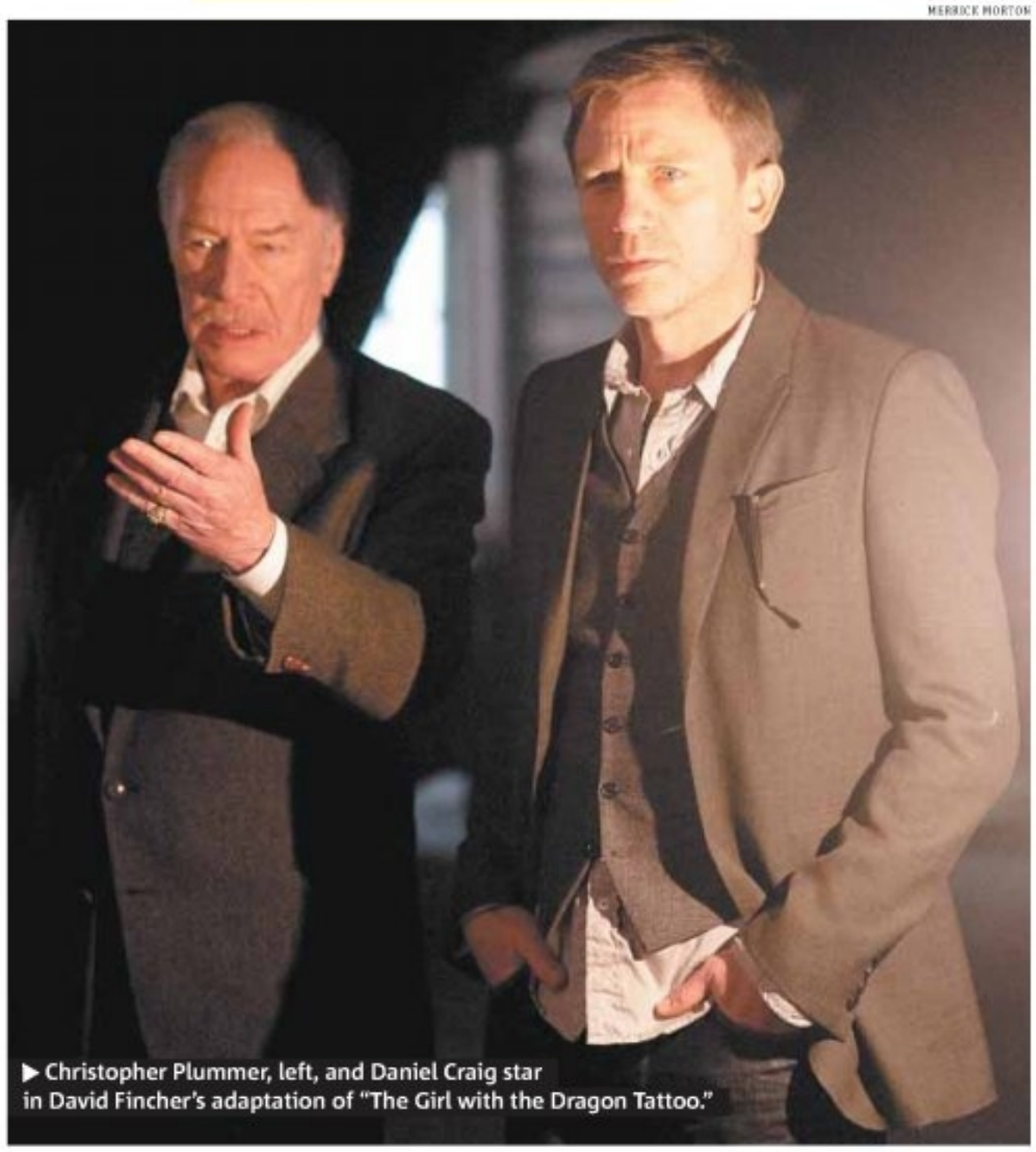

▶ Christopher Plummer, left, and Daniel Craig star in David Fincher's adaptation of "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo."

Craig vs. the Kardashians

In an interview with the U.K. edition of GQ, Craig indirectly called the reality star Kardashians "f—ing idiots." Or did he?

What's the deal between you and them?
I don't know anything about this, and I've never seen the Kardashians. I mean, I have got a vague idea of what they are, but I've never watched the show.

Want to clear anything up?
I've got nothing to clear up. [Laughs] I think I'm probably being set up by somebody here. I don't know what a Kardashian is.

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Gary Oldman: I spy ... an Oscar?

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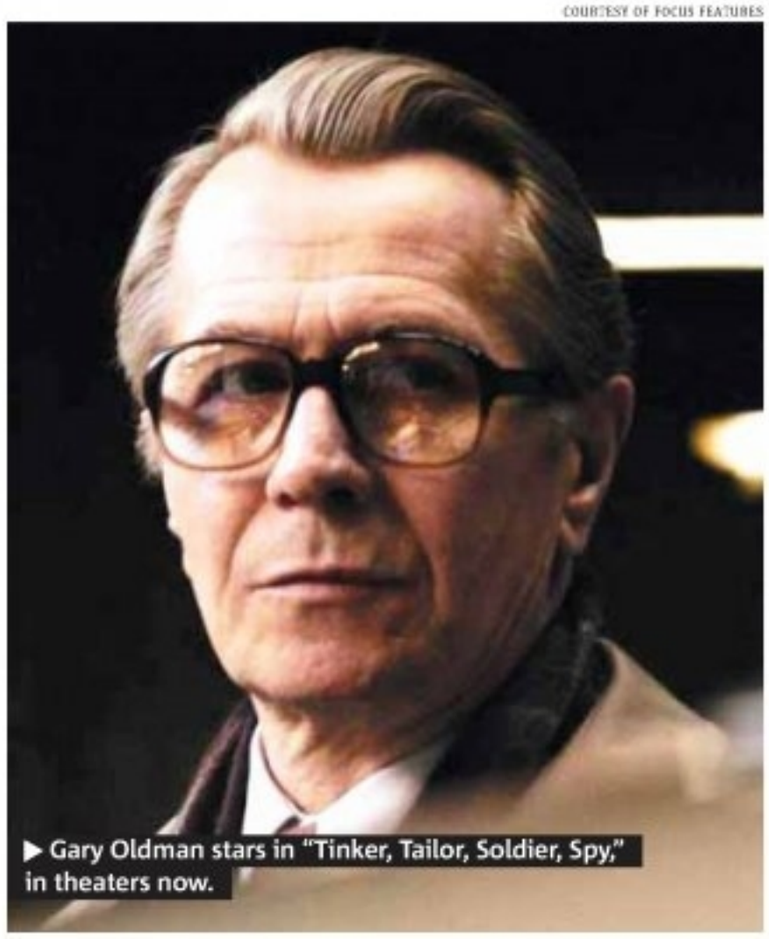

▶ Gary Oldman stars in "Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy," in theaters now.

This film's success is something no one would want to keep hush-hush
Oldman's reservations about appearing in 'Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy'

"It's about paranoia and sacrifice — everybody who stands by someone pays a price," says co-writer Peter Straughan of the film adaptation of John Le Carre's seminal novel "Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy." Set during the height of early 1970s Cold War hysteria, the film is set within the British Secret Intelligence Service (codenamed the "Circus"), as retired spy George Smiley (Gary Oldman) ferrets out a mole.

It's a gritty spy-thriller where twitchy looks replace the now commonplace high-octane explosions and car chases of the Bond and Bourne movies. "We've done an emotional take on the Cold War rather than anything political or dogmatic. It's much more about human behavior and the cost of the Cold War on people's private lives," says director Tomas Alfredson, who won art-house raves for the vampire film "Let the Right One In."

"I never said yes to it when they first asked me to play Smiley because of Alec Guinness [who played Smiley in the 1970s TV series]. I thought people would say, 'Who the f— does he think he is?'"
OLDMAN

It's a secret assignment that forces the mentally haunted Smiley to revisit past enemies and relationships, such as Karla (the Russian baddie) and his estranged wife Ann. "Smiley is someone who is not particularly fussy — I took a few things from John Le Carre like the cadence in his voice ... and I made him slower because he's at that age," says Oldman. He plays the role excellently, but as the 53-year-old says, "I never said yes to it when they first asked me to play Smiley because of Alec Guinness [who played Smiley in the 1970s TV series]. I thought people would say, 'Who the f— does he think he is?'"

He can rest easy now: With six nominations at the London Critics' Circle awards and rave reviews from critics, this could just be Oldman's Oscar winning piece. Of the film's appeal, he says, "People are ready for something a little different — the pace is more European — it's a real piece of cinema."

What's next for the London-born actor? Oldman reveals, "They're thinking about doing Le Carre's third book, 'Smiley's People.'" Apprently that's not confidential.

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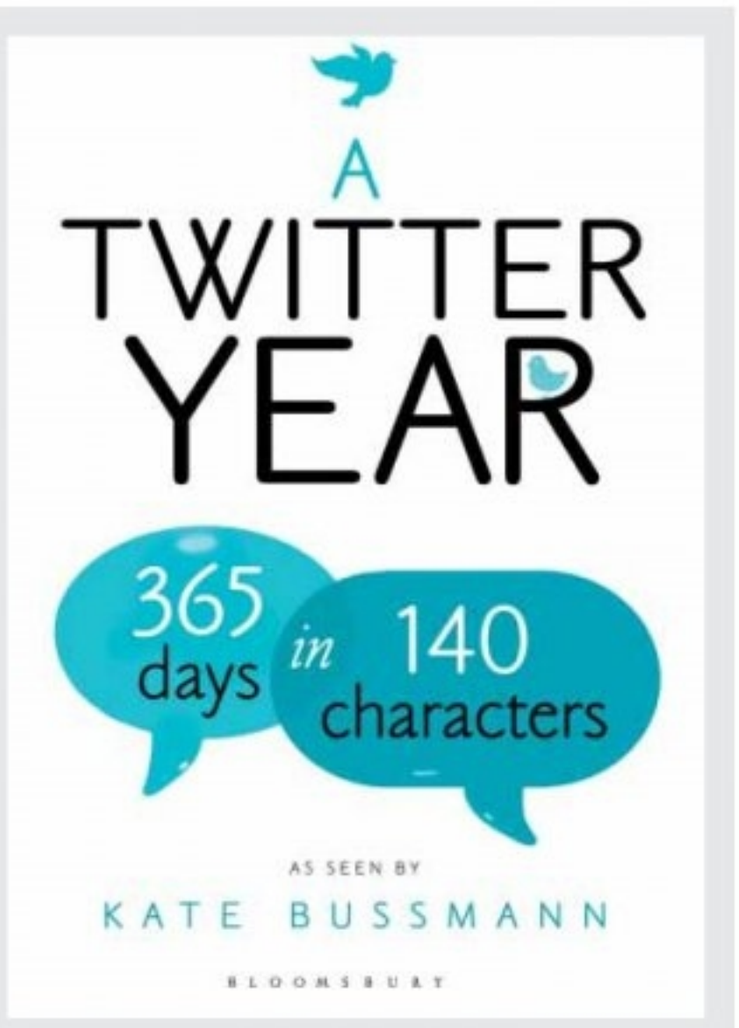
2011: The year in tweets



We're welcoming 2012 But let's take a quick look back in the book 'A Twitter Year' to see what was said in 140 characters or less in 2011

Out of the billions and billions of tweets sent out in 2011, which ones captured that certain moment in time the best? Kate Bussmann got down to the task of finding these gems with her book "A Twitter Year: 365 Days in 140 Characters," which distills a year of conversation, argument, revelation and revolution into a review of the year as written by the Twitter community. Bussmann corresponded with us — in more than 140 characters — about the compilation.

First of all, why a book on the year in tweets?
This has been a banner year for Twitter. The numbers keep on rising. When my book went to press, we were up to 230 million tweets per day, from 65 million in June 2010. And that number is already out of date — we're now up to 250 million. For me and millions of others, the way we consume news has dramatically changed since the birth of Twitter. We've become a lot more demanding, and we've gotten used to being able to control who and what we're watching.

How did you narrow down what to put in the book?
2011 was an incredibly eventful year: The Royal Wedding, the Arab Spring, the News Corp. scandal, the rescue of the Chilean Miners, the capture of Osama bin Laden, the attacks in Norway, the Japanese earthquake and nuclear disaster, the death of Amy Winehouse, Schwarzenegger's secret son. … So I really had a wealth of material to choose from. When it came to picking tweets about news events, my main priority was to find people who were firsthand witnesses to the events they were describing; so with the Egyptian revolution, for instance, I looked for people who were in Tahrir Square on the day Mubarak fell.

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Q&A

What people should we be following on Twitter?
For no-punches-pulled celebrity fashion commentary, follow The Fug Girls (@fuggirls). For lightening-fast news, follow Reuters' Anthony de Rosa (@antderosa). Neil Patrick Harris (@actuallynph) and Ellen Barkin (@ellenbarkin) are the polar opposite of the usual bland celebrity Twitter feeds. Steve Martin (@stevemartintogo) is also hilarious on Twitter.

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NBC at TCA: The weekend

We learned why 'Smash' isn't 'Glee' and that we'll be seeing a lot more of Kathy Griffin More good news: 'Community' is safe — at least for now

Executives for the networks of NBC Universal presented their midseason offerings at the Television Critics Association press tour in Pasadena, Calif., over the weekend. They offered plenty of insight about the upcoming schedule — if not when some critics' favorites will actually appear on the schedule. The highlights:

'Community'

(Return TBA)
"I wanted to dispel any notion that it's quietly disappearing from the schedule," Robert Greenblatt, chairman of NBC Entertainment, says of the cult comedy. Exactly when it returns to the lineup depends on the performance of the NBC comedies currently on the schedule. As for a fourth season? "I don't know," he says. "Those are hard questions to answer at this point."

'Awake'

(Premiere TBA)
One of the strongest pilots shown by any NBC Universal network, "Awake" stars Jason Isaacs (Lucius Malfoy from the "Harry Potter" films) as a cop who survived a car crash and now seems to live two realities: In one, his wife survived, while in the other, only his son lived. Isaacs calls the concept "a fantastic 'what if.'" While

▶ Jason Isaacs stars in "Awake."

critics give it the thumbs up, it has yet to find a home on NBC's schedule.

'The Voice'

(Premieres Feb. 5, 10 p.m.)
Why did "The Voice" catch on with audiences while other new singing competitions (ahem, "The X Factor") failed to capture the zeitgeist? "This show has replaced the idea of finding people who really cannot sing, and know they can't sing, and making a mockery of that," executive producer Mark Burnett says. Judge Christina Aguilera says none of the celebrity mentors would have agreed to do "The Voice" if "ridiculing someone or poking fun at their inability to sing" had been part of the gig. "That's not in support of the business," she says. "It's not in support of anything we do as artists, and we wouldn't be a part of that."

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Must-see

'Smash'

(Premieres Feb. 6, 10 p.m.)
The most buzzed-about midseason pilot stars Katharine McPhee and Megan Hilty as Broadway wannabes vying for the role of Marilyn Monroe in a musical based on the legend's life. The drama has impressive theater pedigree but owes a small debt to that other musical drama on TV. "When Ryan Murphy did 'Glee' he broke a great barrier," says "Smash" executive producer Craig Zadan. "He allowed the networks to really believe that there was room for drama, comedy and music in one show. I don't think that any of us feel that the show is like 'Glee,' but we feel grateful to 'Glee' for opening that door."

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▶ The "Smash" team — including (front row, from left) stars Debra Messing, Katharine McPhee and Megan Hilty — talked to critics about the new show at the TCA press tour on Friday.

On Bravo

'Kathy'

(Premiere TBA)
Kathy Griffin will bring her outspoken take on pop culture to Bravo in a weekly talk show. The one-hour "Kathy" will feature gossip, stand-up routines, celebrity interviews and taped segments. The comedian will also tape two new one-hour comedy specials for the network this year, bringing her total to 15 original specials for Bravo.

'Watch What Happens: Live'

(Sundays through Thursdays, 11 p.m.)
Bravo exec/"Watch What Happens: Live" host Andy Cohen debuted the five-night-a-week schedule of his talk show last night. How is he going to keep up the party vibe? "Four words: Ralph Fiennes Pajama Party. ... Me, Ralph Fiennes [and] Holly Hunter in PJs in the Clubhouse. That's one of the ways," he says of the special episode slated for Jan. 20. Other plans include adding Sandra Bernhard as a correspondent, a bigger studio and continued interactivity with the audience. "We're the only live show in late night," he says. "That gives us so much flexibility and room for fun."

▶ Andy Cohen has big plans for his new show, "Watch What Happens: Live."

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SPIRIT JUNKIE TIPS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Each new year I love offering tips for making positive change. Now is the perfect time to make powerful change — your willingness is at an all-time high. Apply these principles, and you'll kick off the new year with a happier approach to life.

Take a ME break

Commit to a ME break at least once a week. Take time out to focus on yourself. This is a powerful habit to create early in the year. Need some suggestions? Take a long yoga class or prepare a nice meal for yourself. My favorite ME break is to take time out for a massage or facial.

Get creative

This year, I commit to spending more time painting. This creative hobby takes me out of my daily patterns and ignites my inner spirit. Pledge to engage in a creative project or even take a trip to the museum. You'll find that time spent in creativity heightens your happiness and gives you more energy for the other areas of your life.

Bernstein gets creative.

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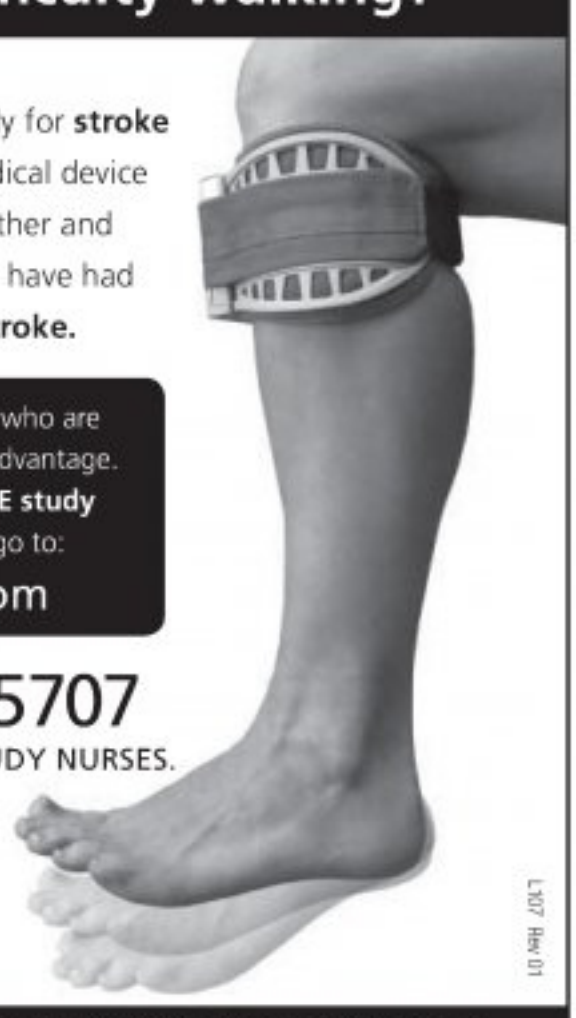

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What's in store for 2012

Miller

Astrologist Susan Miller gives us a sneak peak Plus, why reading for two signs is ideal

We recently spent an afternoon with astrologer Susan Miller, the founder of AstrologyZone.com, at "Under the Stars with Susan Miller and Todd English," a lecture and dinner series pairing Miller's zodiac predictions with English's culinary interpretations of the signs. We asked her what we can expect in 2012 — but first: a message to anyone who thinks astrology is a bunch of hocus-pocus.

"Astrology is a study of mathematical cycles," Miller says. "There's no predestination. You can see if the planets are harmonious or fighting each other."

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On the economy and politics:

"[Economic trouble] isn't really gonna loosen up until Oct. 4, when Saturn leaves Libra. We're gonna see the real estate market get better in the fourth quarter. I think Obama's gonna do better."

On Occupy Wall Street:

"It's gonna grow big. It's gonna go all the way to March 2015. It's gonna get more developed. It could even turn into a third party."

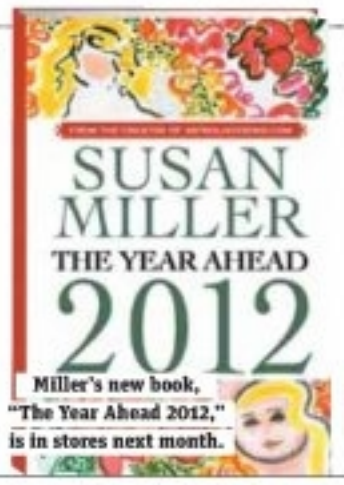
Quoted

"It's a very slow start to the year, and we have to be patient because Mars is retrograde. Reassess your assumptions and your plan." MILLER

On pop culture:

Kim Kardashian: "[She] did not get married at the right time. It was actually the worst time. She's a late Libra, and it shows sadness. She's feeling loss."

Jessica Simpson: "She's a Cancer. Actually, her best year of her life is the summer of 2013 to the summer of 2014. I think she may have two [babies] in a row."



Miller's new book, "The Year Ahead 2012," is in stores next month.

Demi and Ashton: "I never understood what kept them together. She is Scorpio, he is Aquarius — that means she is touchy-feely, warm and very loving. Ashton is very intellectual, cool and distant — brainy. This match was always a mystery to me. She can find someone better for her."

JLo & Marc: "[JLo, as a Libra, is] very warm-hearted. They need to be free. He's a Virgo, nice and structured — 'Where you are going, when are you coming back?' She wanted to be untethered. They just didn't belong together. Children sometimes add that extra layer of stress."

Expert tip

Get your most accurate reading

"Most people know their birthday, but it's so critical to know your rising sign. The rising sign goes by the exact time of birth. Once you know it, for the rest of your life you need to read for that sign too — you're gonna get 80 percent of your outlook for the month."

Who will have the best year?

- **For career:** Leo (first half of 2012) and Virgo (second half, after June 12)
- **For love:** Capricorn and Aquarius
- **For luck:** Taurus and Gemini
- **For finance:** Aries (first half) and Taurus (second half)
- **For health and fitness:** Sagittarius (first half) and Capricorn (second half)

Q&A

What the heck does it mean when Mercury is in retrograde?
"A retrograde planet is a weak one. You need all the planets to be as strong as possible."

Mercury retrograde periods:
- Mar. 12-Apr. 4
- Jul. 14-Aug. 8
- Nov. 6-25

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Halasana — plow pose

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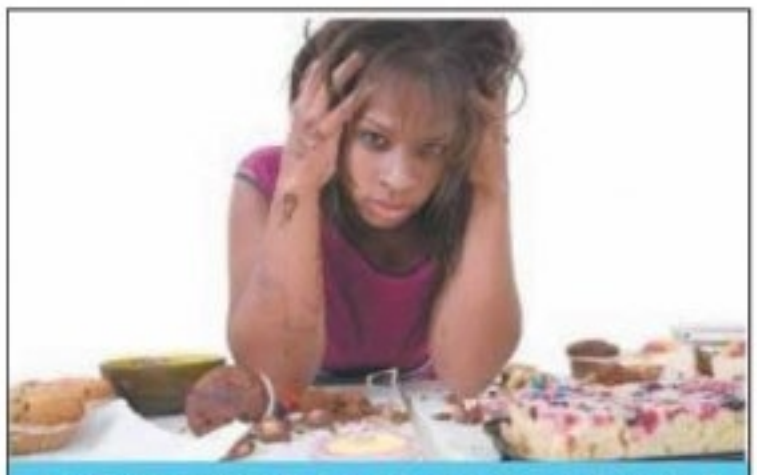

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3 Career resolutions for 2012

The new year is the perfect time to take stock of your work life ◆ Simple ways you can get ahead

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Know what you want

First off, understand what it is that you want to accomplish. "Who do you want to be in 2012?" asks Sarah Hathorn, CEO and founder of Illustra Consulting. "Get crystal clear on your career goals. Challenge yourself to renew and recreate yourself in a way that capitalizes on your talent while it unearths a new you."

Keep it professional

As technology makes it easier to take work home, remember to keep work and your personal life separate. Ed and Ellen Schack — who are, respectively, the CEOs of EES Cosmetic Solutions and Cowabunga Ice Cream — have set a few resolutions for themselves in their home-based businesses. "Answer the phone, fax or e-mail only during business hours," they advise. And never, of course, work in pajamas.

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▶ Now that January is underway, take some time to set goals for the year ahead.

Get organized

Can't find the latest invoice or memo among endless emails? Or maybe it's buried somewhere under the heaps of paper on your desk? Time to think about making this the year you get organized.

Not only should your physical workspace be kept orderly, but you should also have a handle on business expenses — it can save you some real money in 2012.

"The IRS may only need receipts for expenses over $75. However, by not tracking the smaller items, you could be losing potential expenses that can be written off," explains Jane Evans, owner of a Pennsylvania branch of BookKeeping Express. "Organize receipts in categories such as utilities, supplies, contract labor and rent."

10 most stressful jobs of 2012

CareerCast.com evaluated more than 200 positions — looking at work environment, job competitiveness and risk — to compile its annual Job Stress Report. Here are the top 10 most stressful occupations:

1. Enlisted military soldier (Average income: $35,580)
2. Firefighter ($45,250)
3. Airline pilot ($103,210)
4. Military general ($196,300)
5. Police officer ($53,540)
6. Event coordinator ($45,260)
7. Public relations executive ($91,810)
8. Corporate executive (senior) ($165,830)
9. Photojournalist ($40,000)
10. Taxi driver ($22,440)

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Private hiring soars; seasonal issues cloud gain

Jobs recovery gathered pace as a measure of private-sector hiring surged in December and claims for unemployment benefits fell, suggesting the battered labor market may continue to strengthen in 2012.

The ADP National Employment Report's December job tally of 325,000 surprised economists who had expected a gain of roughly half that size. It was also above the 204,000 private jobs added in November.

Many economists struck a note of caution, though, saying the number may have been distorted by seasonal factors

Joel Prakken, of Macroeconomic Advisers, which helps produce the survey, told reporters job readings tend to be inflated at year-end as employers keep workers on payrolls for accounting reasons, and the reading could be revised lower.

"Certainly we're getting some more encouraging news on the jobs market, but we have to be very aware that it does reflect a very volatile period of the year — the holiday season and the days following the new year," said Bernard Baumohl, chief global economist at Economic Outlook Group in Princeton, N.J.

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More good news

The U.S. Labor Department reported the number of Americans filing first-time claims for unemployment benefits fell by 15,000 last week, the fourth decline in the last five weeks. REUTERS

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Author Nicholas Lore on his holistic approach to finding the right job ◗ Plus, what they didn't tell you in college

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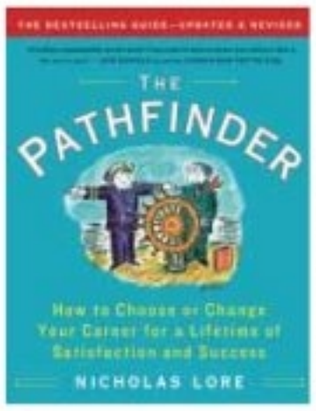

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▶ Your path not working out? Lore recommends considering many factors when choosing a career — or a new career.

Sometime in the 1970s, while managing a solar energy company, Nicholas Lore came to the difficult realization that he was simply bored by his job. He promptly embarked on a long journey to discover his true calling, and by 1981 he'd found it: helping others find their true calling. He founded the Rockport Institute in Rockville, Md., and today Rockport is one of the leading career-coaching firms in the country.

His 1998 book, "The Pathfinder," is being rereleased this month by Simon & Schuster, with hundreds of pages of updated material. "The idea is to work like a detective to find clues that will lead you to a place where the whole 'What am I going to do?' question is over," explains Lore.

For Lore, the key is a holistic approach that

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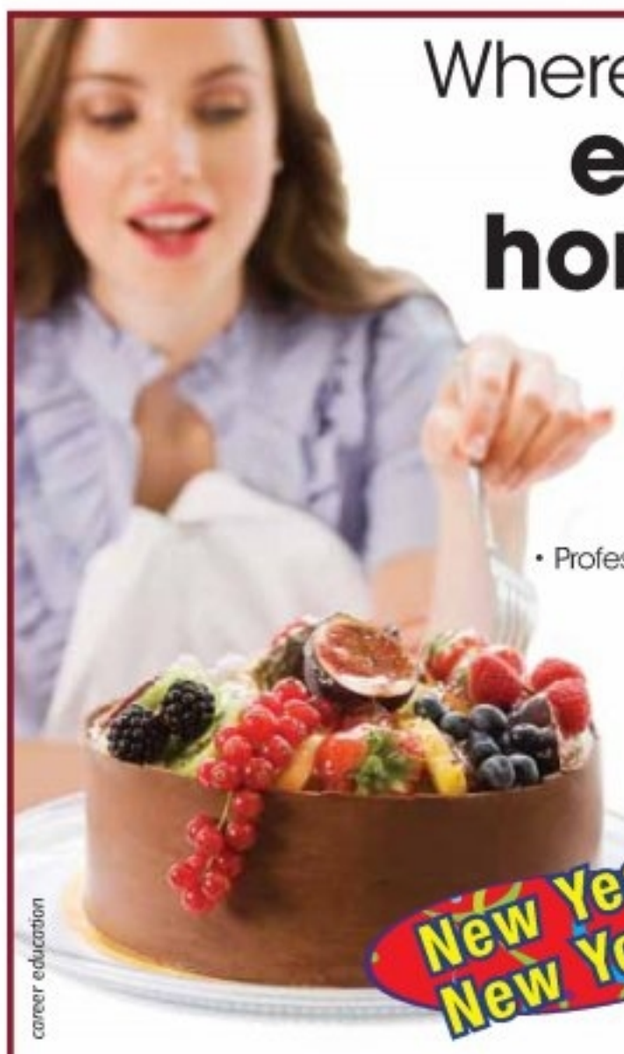

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'The Pathfinder'

takes into account far more factors than traditional counselors are willing to consider. "In college, kids don't go to the career center, because they generally know it won't be helpful," says Lore. "What we do is consider many more factors, because if there is just one major piece missing, you can wind up hating what you're doing."

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What job seekers need to know about today's digital market

Does your 2012 to-do list include a job search? Make sure that social media is a part of your strategy
Mashable.com shares tips on how to network within your industry and attract the attention of recruiters

The 2011 job market ended on a positive note. With unemployment shrinking to a mere 8.6 percent — its lowest level since May 2008 — and a steadily growing economy, businesses are planning on hiring and recruiting even more as their confidence in customer demand builds.

In this new, growing market, those seeking their next dream job should cultivate their presence and contacts strategically in places where employers will be on the lookout for the best talent.

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Here's the scoop on what job seekers should know in order to be successful in today's digital job market.

Social media profiles are as important as your résumé — if not more

In today's competitive market, recruiters look for the most current information on candidates, which is readily and easily available on social networks. Job seekers should actively include links to their complete and up-to-date Facebook, LinkedIn, Google+ and Twitter profiles in their applications. When creating your profiles, do not just import your résumé — it often contains too much detailed information. Rather, build your profile from scratch with a concise description of your prior experience to grab a recruiter's attention. To make yourself more discoverable, search engine optimize your title and skills.

Social networks enable direct interaction

There was a time when contacting recruiters on job sites and boards was difficult, and proactively reaching out to hiring managers was nearly impossible. Social media has created a culture of openness, and has all but eliminated the "black hole" that résumés have fallen into for decades. Many companies even highlight their recruiters on job postings; not only can you contact a recruiter directly, but you can often view recruiters' and hiring managers' social media profiles before contacting them.

Job seekers need to connect to recruiters who are hiring in their field. If you don't know them directly, subscribe to them on Facebook or follow them on Twitter to stay current on all job openings, and work towards developing a positive relationship with them.

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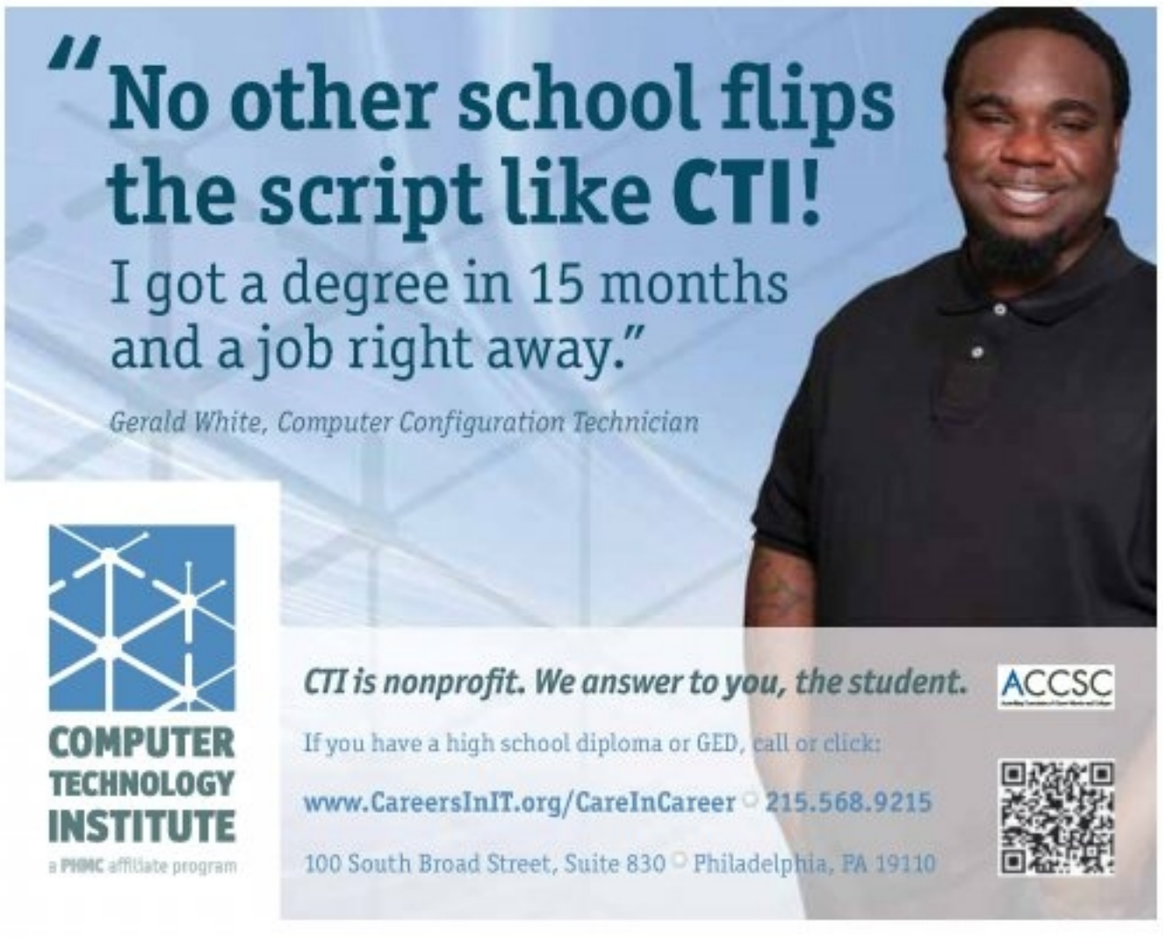
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Your time is over, Obama

RE: "CUT OBAMA SOME SLACK": The Obama apologists are incredible. Even a simpleton can see that his excuse that it would take some time to fix the economy is a preemptive strike against future criticism. As Obama will tell us up until November: "It's still going to take a long time, but hold on a minute, sweetie, just vote me in again and I'll continue." He'll only continue leading America down the path to third-world status.

FRANK DIXON, VIA E-MAIL

The Obama camp should stop whining about the mess he inherited. Obama may have inherited an economic mess, but he's done nothing in three years but make it worse. A coach in the NFL brought in to turn a losing team around won't keep his job if he doesn't do it in three years. A CEO brought in to turn a failing company around won't keep his job if he doesn't do it in three years. Obama was elected to fix the economy. He said if he didn't do it in three years, he'd be a one-termer. Well?

ALAN HOLBROOK, VIA E-MAIL

Thank you, Jonathan Perry, for your letter regarding President Obama! I've never seen a president so scrutinized as this one. He can't do anything right according to those who want to see him fail.

LENORE MCKINNEY, VIA E-MAIL

Both sides have overfed the Fed

RE: "FEDERAL GOVT. ROBBING US ALL": Kelly Donnoe and Frank St. George's scare story about the Fed is not how it works. Comparing Ben Bernanke to whatever was done 200 years ago is no argument. Respected economists agree that the Fed should increase the money supply in a recession, then tighten it during recovery. We've done it before, it's not a problem. The problem child in Washington is the misguided policies of extremists. Democrats have moved to the center of the political spectrum. Republicans have moved further to the far right wing.

HARRY THORN, PHILADELPHIA

Republicans: Job destroyers

Republicans have always bought what they wanted politically. Look how they punished the middle class who were enjoying home ownership while working at a secure union job. "God the middle class is starting to enjoy a lifestyle similar to ours. Let's buy more politicians and ship these jobs overseas!"

EDWARD J. HERMAN, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** To your credit, you'll establish some meaningful objectives for yourself. By doing so, it's likely that a number of your big targets will be reached.
♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Go ahead and make the pitch that you've had in the back of your mind. You have the ability and expressive knack to capture the imagination and support of others.
♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Although most people are likely to find unexpectedly shifting conditions somewhat traumatizing, you're apt to thrive on them. You'll figure out ways to use them to your advantage.
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** You should make arrangements to meet with a particular person who is important to your immediate plans. If you don't go overboard, he or she can be swayed to your side.
♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** A substantial portion of your time might be devoted to helping another sort out his or her affairs. You will benefit from your good deed later on.
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Keeping busy will be a very pleasant experience for you. Even if a small disturbance or disruption should occur, your frame of mind will help you.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** It would be a good idea to tidy up things in places where you see that others have left things dangling. You have a remarkable faculty for organization.
♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** You're entitled to relax and have some fun time, but make sure you have your work done first. If not, mundane activities are likely to eat up most of your day.
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Be resourceful and enterprising if you'd like to have an especially good day. It can be remarkably rewarding if you give more meaningful endeavors your attention.
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Just because others have offered suggestions, don't hold back your ideas, especially if you think they're better. If your brainstorms have merit, those involved will feel the thunder.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** If you get an opening to speak up regarding a debt that is owed you, don't hesitate to take it. People who are short of cash sometimes ignore their obligations as long as possible.
♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** In many instances, we are inclined to reflect the verve and mood of our companions, which is likely to be the case for you currently. If you're with a sullen type, try to turn it around.

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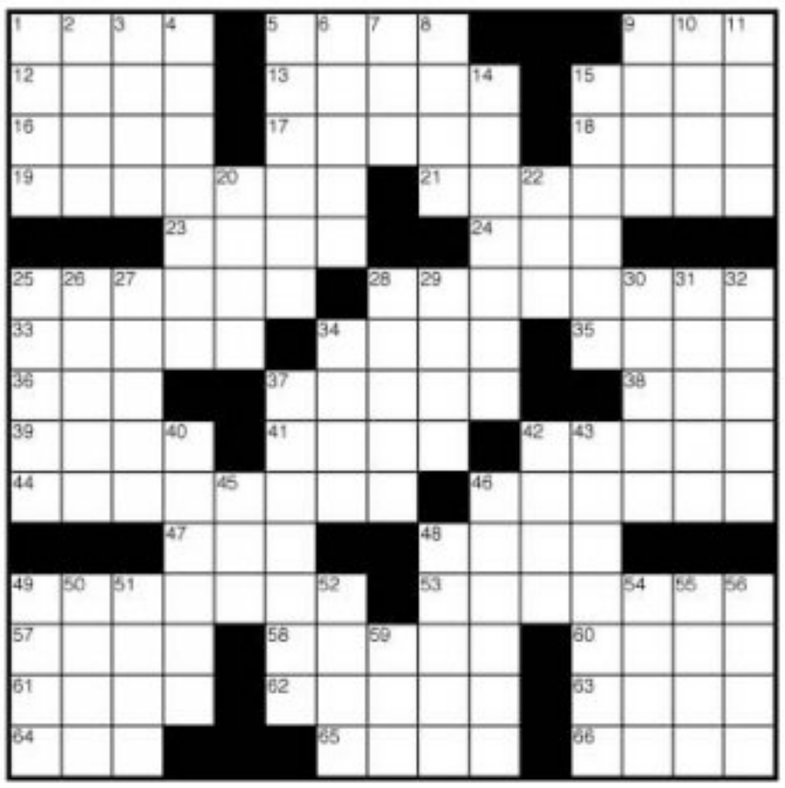

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Solution to weekend's crossword

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Briere busting out at the right time

Flyers center caps big weekend with fifth career hat trick ◗ Trying to put Winter Classic disappointment behind him ◗ Orange and Black go 1-1 against Ottawa this past weekend

It's been a week Danny Briere won't soon forget.

Still taking heat for flubbing the climactic penalty shot that would have sent the Winter Classic into overtime — especially from his sons — the 34-year-old Briere has already put it behind him and started moving forward. Flyers fans can only hope his fifth career hat trick (capped by the 3-2 overtime game-winner versus Ottawa on Saturday) is a hint of what's to come.

Well, maybe not the fighting. This weekend's brawl was only the third bout of Briere's career. He's scored six goals in those games.

"I didn't know that," laughed Briere. "But I'll leave that [the fighting] to Jody [Shelley]."

On TV tomorrow

Flyers at Carolina, 7 p.m. (TCN)

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Briere's season has been no laughing matter, though. Separated from linemates Scott Hartnell and Ville Leino when Leino signed with Buffalo, it's been an adjustment for No. 48. While Hartnell has thrived on the big line with Claude Giroux and Jaromir Jagr, Briere has bounced around, managing just 10 goals before Saturday's outburst.

That's coming off a career-high, 34 goals last season.

"It's been up and down, trying," admitted Briere. "I felt lately things were going much better, but the results weren't coming yet. I don't usually score a lot of goals from the outside. Most of my goals are scored from the crease. That's not gonna change now."

No, but the sight of the 5-foot-10, 179-pound Briere doing his signature fist pump more often would be a welcome change for Peter Laviolette and Co. as the Flyers try to chase down the Rangers in the Atlantic Division.

Not only that, it might even satisfy his sons.

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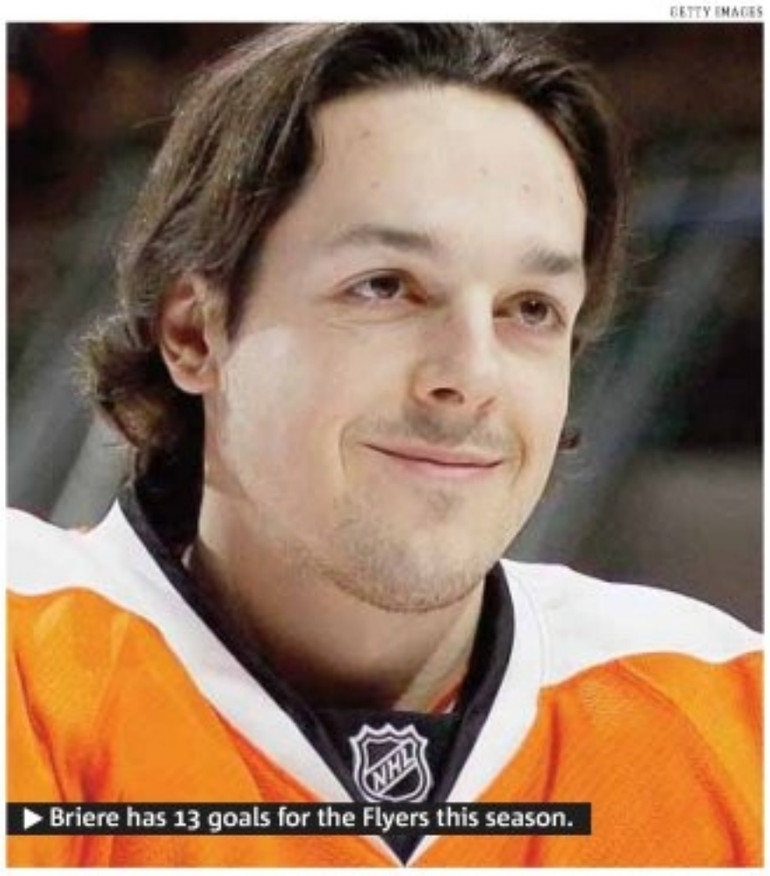

▶ Briere has 13 goals for the Flyers this season.

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JoePa backs O'Brien

Former Penn State coach Joe Paterno told ESPN that he wants fans, alumni and supporters to back new coach Bill O'Brien.

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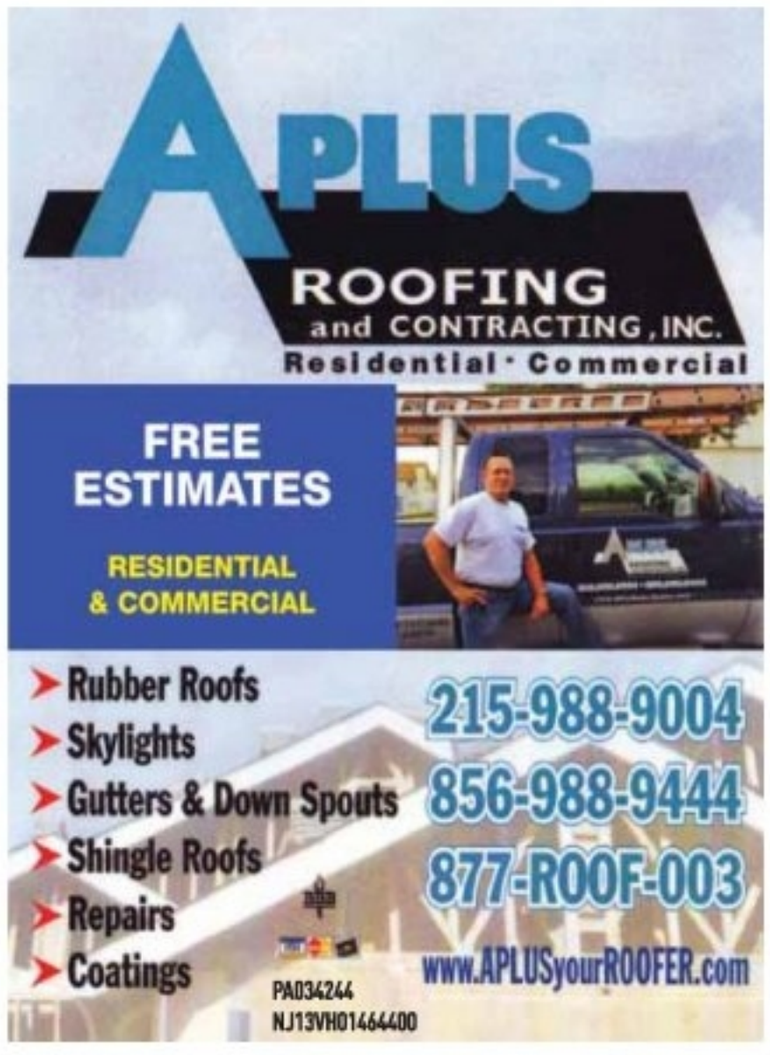
NHL. Senators 6, Flyers 4

▶ The Flyers' Zac Rinaldo tries to maintain his balance yesterday against Ottawa's Zenon Konopka.

Blame Canada: Senators snap Flyers streak

Ilya Bryzgalov let a slap shot in with 1:11 to go and the Senators snapped the Flyers' two-game winning streak with a 6-4 win. Bryzgalov stopped 32 of the 37 shots he faced yesterday in Ottawa. The Flyers got goals from Matt Read, Andrej Meszaros, Marc-Andre Bourdon and Sean Couturier. Read, who has 13 goals this season, is tied with Edmonton's Ryan Nugent-Hopkins for most goals by an NHL rookie this season.



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Hawes taking center stage for Sixers

Big man posting career-highs in points, rebounds, blocks Hawes playing for big contract next season

There's a good reason Spencer Hawes looks different this season. He is.

During the extended lockout, Hawes got serious about his workout routine. He was more diligent with his diet and spent extra time in the weight room. He tried yoga, swimming and boxing in an effort to transform his 7-foot-1 frame into a true NBA-caliber body. His body fat is at an all-time low.

So far, it's working. Through seven games, Hawes is averaging career-highs in points (12.6), rebounds (10.6), assists (3.1) and blocks (1.9). He also leads the NBA in field-goal percentage at 64.6 percent.

"His base is more solid. He's under control. He's in better shape," Elton Brand said. "With big guys, sometimes it takes a little longer. It's great to see. I don't see him slowing down."

The timing couldn't be better for Hawes. After this season, he'll be an unrestricted free agent. It's an extra bit of motivation that isn't lost on coach Doug Collins.

"The guy signed a qualifying offer and he's playing to get a big contract next year. I respect that," Collins said.

Hawes' improved play has given Collins another option down the stretch of games. With Brand looking older than ever and rookie Nikola Vucevic not fully ready yet, Hawes has had a key role in fourth quarters during the Sixers' 5-2 start.

He even had the fans serenading him with a "SPEN-CER HAWES" chant during Friday night's win over the Pistons.

"That caught me off guard a little bit," Hawes said. "It felt good, just to see all the fans here. It's exciting."

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▶ Hawes left Saturday's game with a minor midback strain. However, he's not expected to miss any time.

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Points the Sixers have outscored opponents by in first seven games. It's the sixth-largest point differential in first seven games dating back to 1996-97.

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On TV today

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Tebow does it again

Tebow's OT magic gives Denver win ◗ Broncos get New England next ◗ Brees, Manning air it out ◗ Foster gallops over Bengals in Houston

Three things we learned on wild-card weekend:

1 Remember me?: Tim Tebow's late-game heroics took nearly a month break, but the Broncos quarterback was back at it yesterday as his 80-yard touchdown pass to Demaryius Thomas on the first play from scrimmage in overtime gave Denver a stunning 29-23 victory over the Steelers. Tebow threw for 316 yards and two TDs. Denver will take on the No. 1 seed New England Patriots this Saturday (8 p.m., CBS).

2 Home cookin': The Texans, who played their first playoff game in franchise history, gave their fans plenty of reason to celebrate as Arian Foster ran for 153 yards on 24 carries. Defensive end J.J. Watt sent the home crowd into a frenzy with 52 seconds left in the second quarter when he intercepted Andy Dalton and had a 29-yard return for a touchdown. Houston will play at No. 2-seeded Baltimore Sunday (1 p.m., CBS). All four home teams won this past weekend.

Bad Ben Theory

Ben Roethlisberger struggled in the first half against Denver, throwing an interception without a TD and owning a 48.1 QB rating.

Heating up Big Ben did eventually get hot as he tied the game at 23 late in the fourth quarter with a 31-yard TD pass to Jerricho Cotchery.

3 QB Kings: Drew Brees threw for a whopping 466 yards and three touchdowns as New Orleans broke the postseason record for total yards with 626 and beat the Lions, 45-28. The Saints advance to play at San Francisco next Saturday (4:30 p.m., FOX). Eli Manning was tremendous in the Giants' 24-2 bashing of Atlanta yesterday as he tossed three touchdowns. He jumpstarted the New York offense in the second quarter with a 14-yard run on a crucial third down. The Giants will play at Green Bay Sunday (4:30 p.m., FOX). METRO

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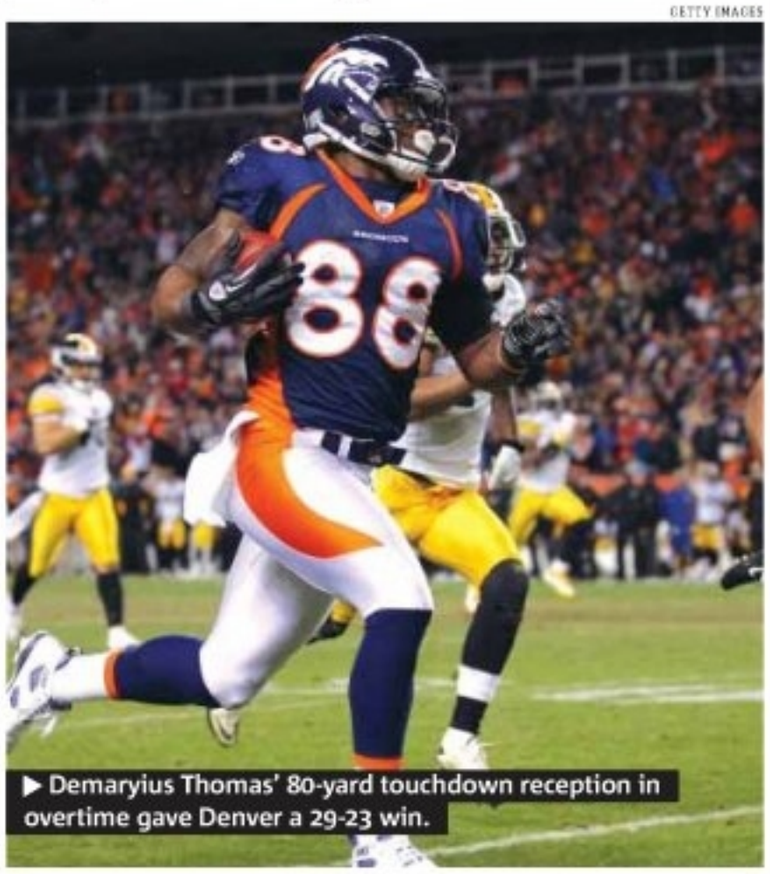

▶ Demaryius Thomas' 80-yard touchdown reception in overtime gave Denver a 29-23 win.

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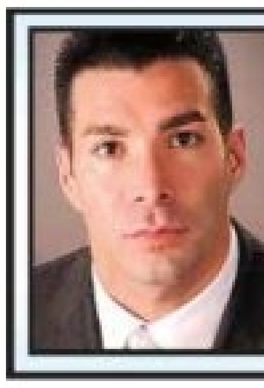

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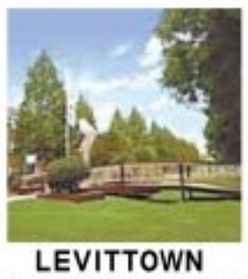

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Cadillac vs. BMW amid GM rebound

GM, as the world's biggest automaker, will be in spotlight at Detroit auto show this week ◗ Cadillac exec: 'Gorilla in room is [BMW's] 3-Series'

Sales

15K

Estimates for sales of Cadillac's ATS model in 2012 and 60,000 next year, including a coupe version that's expected in 2013

A new compact Cadillac represents CEO Dan Akerson's strategy for gaining ground in the compact-luxury segment. GM is trying to barge into the market for small, upscale cars, an important entryway for new customers that is dominated by German vehicles such as the 3-Series and the Mercedes-Benz C-Class.

The new Cadillac is called the ATS and will go on sale in the third quarter. "It will be a key battle ground for us," Kurt McNeil, Cadillac's vice president of sales, said last week.

▶ Yea, BMW, Cadillac is coming for you.

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The introduction occurs on the eve of the media days at the North American International Auto Show. Organizers expect more than 5,000 journalists from more than 50 countries to attend two days of press conferences and almost 40 worldwide product unveilings, including the Mercedes SL roadster and Ford Fusion. Show organizers announced that they had signed a five-year contract to keep the show at Cobo Center in Detroit with an estimated economic impact to southern Michigan of $1.75 billion.

The auto show will take place against the backdrop of the improving U.S. auto industry. Sales rose by more than 10 percent for two years in a row, the first time since 1983 and 1984, and analysts estimate they will grow this year to the highest level since 2007. Domestic automakers GM, Ford and Chrysler all gained market share last year and all project a full-year profit.

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American rankings

BMW and Mercedes, the top two luxury brands in the U.S. last year, outsold Toyota's Lexus for the first time in 11 years on an annual basis. U.S. sales of Lexus last year, hurt by reduced inventory following March's earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

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Inifiniti SUV's quirky look lends to its appeal

- Expensive, gas-guzzling — but new QX rides smoothly and quietly
- One writer's take on sports utility vehicle that starts in low $60,000s

I was once mock-charged by an elephant while on safari in South Africa. It was astonishing to see this massive, ponderous creature suddenly burst into motion, moving far faster than I could possibly flee.

That scene ran through my head every time I slapped down the gas pedal on the 2012-model Infiniti QX56. It's a full-size SUV of such impressive girth that you could swap the side mirrors for big floppy ears and call it Dumbo.

I certainly wasn't expecting the massive surge of smooth power it delivers from a standstill. This elephant charges thanks to its 5.6-liter V-8 heart, which pumps out 413 pound-feet of torque and 400 horsepower.

5,800

Pounds the QX56 weighs — which hurts its gas mileage, but not its Pixar-like design.

I started my week with the QX with rather low expectations. I feel the same way about full-size SUVs as I do about McMansions: Who are you trying to impress with that big thing?

The QX takes up a hunk of roadside real estate. It weighs 5,800-plus pounds and gets a cringe-inducing 14 miles per gallon around town, 20 on the highway.

Yet it drives extremely well, is exceptionally quiet and is generally an agreeable place to while away time when you're stuck in traffic — ignoring the fact that it's this kind of oversized vehicle which contributes more than most to the congestion.

The designers at Infiniti, the luxury arm of Nissan, didn't go for the aggressive air of the Dodge Durango or the bling-bling of the Cadillac Escalade. Rather, the QX is quirky — with an expression that begs to be anthropomorphized by Pixar for the next "Cars" flick. The rear has droopy angles, the side mirrors are small. Threatening, it isn't.

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▶ The new QX56's design is uncharacteristically appealing.

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